

REMARKS

Claims 15-35 are pending. In addition to rewriting claims 29 and 30 in independent form, including the feature(s) of the base claim and any intervening claim(s) from which they depend, Applicants have generally amended the claims to place them in better U.S. form. Reconsideration on the merits is respectfully requested.

Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 29 and 30 contain allowable subject matter. In addition, Applicant would like to point out that a portion of the indicated allowable feature of the challenge having information representing the type of challenge has been included in independent claims 15 and 35.

Based on the above amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that the various rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b), (e) and 103(a) are overcome. In particular, none of the references of record suggest or disclose a challenge that includes information representing the types of challenge. Accordingly, withdrawal of the various rejections is requested.

Additionally, an early Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place the application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge to deposit account number 50-1165 (Docket No. T3264-906343) and fees not included herein, under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17, that may be required by this paper and to credit any overpayment to that Account. A duplicate copy of this page is included for such purpose. If any additional extension of time

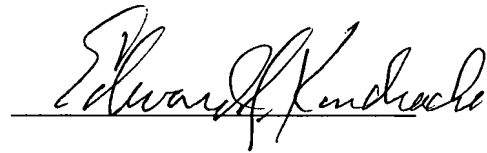
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is required in connection with the filing of this paper and has not been separately requested,
such extension is hereby requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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